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EO 11652: XGDS  
TAGS: PFOR LE  
SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH LEBANESE GOVT

REF: STATE 132168

1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH PRES FRANGIE JUL 12  
I BROACHED RATHER GINGERLY POSSIBILITY OF CONSULTATIONS  
ON STEPS US MIGHT TAKE TO HELP GOVT OF LEBANON IN  
EVENT IT HAS MAJOR CONFRONTATION WITH FEDAYEEN.

2. I SAID USG HAD BEEN REFLECTING CAREFULLY ON  
EARLIER LEBANESE REQUESTS FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING  
AND DECISIONS. WHILE OBVIOUSLY A NUMBER OF THINGS COULD BE DONE IN  
EVENT OF NEW OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING, PARTICULARLY ON DIPLOMATIC  
PLANE, US ROLE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DELICATE AND BOTH  
GOL AND USG WOULD NEED CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT  
IMPLICATIONS OF ANY REACTION ON OUR PART WOULD BE. I  
ADDED THAT AT SUCH TIME AS HE FELT ADVANCE DISCUSSIONS  
CALLED FOR I WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER SOME PRELIMINARY  
COMMENTS FOR FURTHER EXPLORATION.

3. I RECALLED ABOUHAMAD HAD ORIGINALLY RAISED THIS  
MATTER AND WONDERED WHEN TIME CAME IF PRESIDENT WOULD  
LIKE ME TO PURSUE SUBJ WITH NEW FORNMIN FOUAD NAFFA  
OR WITH HIM.

4. FRANGIE SAID HE WOULD LIKE ANY SUCH DISCUSSION TO  
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START WITH BOTH HIMSELF AND NAFFA AND THEN PERHAPS CARRIED

ON WITH NAFFA.

5. SINCE PRES INDICATED NO SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT SUCH  
DIALOGUE (HE WAS OBVIOUSLY ACQUIRING "HOLIDAY SPIRIT"  
HAVING JUST ARRIVED AT HIS SUMMER MOUNTAIN HOME) I DID NOT  
PURSUE MATTER. THUS BASIC TALKING POINTS CONTAINED  
REFTEL REMAIN TO BE DRAWN ON IN ANY FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS,  
THE INITIATIVE FOR WHICH I SHALL LEAVE TO FRANGIE.  
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